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Dear Sir or Madam;

I think the point has been made clear to Microsoft and it is time to let them do what they do best, software and make money. Both of which are good for the economy and time for other companies to stop crying and start competing. Most of the requests made by the states would be asking smaller companies to fold.

I have worked in Technology for 17 years and I have seen Microsoft grow from being ridiculed for releasing a network OS when everyone knew that NetWare was the big Cahuna, to developing solutions, to the Bill & Melinda Gates Charity Foundation.

From someone who has seen all sides of technology, believe me when I say that to be fair, we need to quit looking towards Microsoft by smaller companies who can't compete. They need to have the technology as well as the media. I have seen both sides, but seldom done as well as Microsoft. That is the key to their success.

Sincerely,

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